him, gave up the idea as something not quite feasible. He appeared then to try and make some fun with me for want of anything better and said, "All right if you want my signature, go and get me pen and ink and I shall sign the order/* I took this apparent seriousness lo be true and was about to move in order to bring what he wanted but found that we were both of us, held as fixed to our places by some un-seen Power and 1 could not stir. I had had at length to give up the attempt as futile. He however consoled me with saying that once he had given his word$_t$ it could never fail to come true; but the only thing was that it would take some time before it got fulfilled; that was all. His next question was, "You seem to be a prisoner of war, but do you know the cause of England's joining in this present European War?'* I asked him back the question in return, for him to answer, as I could not be very definite myself. The answer that he gave was simply funny and I could not help laugh-ing. *[4]She" was all he said,

meaning his queen thereby. It was not his own intention to join at first, but it was Queen Mary that induced him to join, her home having been